

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re International Application of: :  
General Electric Company :  
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International Application No. :  
PCT/US99/14391 : Authorized Officer: Nestor Ramirez  
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International Filing Date: 25 JUN 1999 :  
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For: ROTORS USING A STEPPED :  
SKEW :

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO WRITTEN OPINION**  
(PCT Rule 66)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The International Preliminary Examining Authority Written Opinion mailed 01 JUNE 2000 has been carefully reviewed and the following amendments and remarks are submitted in consequence thereof.

Amendments

Please substitute replacement sheets 16-20 for previously filed sheets 16-20.

Remarks

The replacement sheets differ from the replaced sheets in that Claims 1, 14 and 21 have been amended by adding the recitation that the notches are substantially aligned and coextensive with at least one of said skew portions.